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1. US position regarding Israeli-Transjordan negotiations--
The Department of State has advised US Representative Stabler in Amman of its view that US representations to Israel regarding current negotiations with Transjordan would not be productive at this time. The Department authorized Stabler, however, to tell King Abdullah that the US would be prepared to give strong advice against any action leading to a serious breach of the secret Israeli-Transjordan agreement. In reply, Stabler has indicated that he still believes the US should take a stronger line toward the Israelis in view of their "defiant and threatening attitude." Stabler suggests that if the US does not take such a line, Israel may extend its frontiers to the Jordan before peace is concluded in Palestine.
2. Denmark desires token arms shipment from the US-- The Danish Prime Minister has expressed to the US Charge in Copenhagen his disappointment with the negative decision of the US regarding Denmark's request for arms. The Prime Minister indicated he hopes Denmark may promptly receive a "symbolic" arms shipment. The US Charge agrees with the Prime Minister that such a shipment would have a beneficial political effect and would bolster military morale.

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